

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview summary herewith.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14 and 18-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edwin Garlep on November 17, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A thermally zoned substrate holder, comprising:

a base upper portion having top and bottom surfaces, the top surface configured to support a substrate and the bottom surface having a recess formed therein;

a plurality of temperature control elements inside the recess, each element having a top surface seated in the recess and a bottom surface forming a floor of said recess;

at least one thermal insulator having a lower coefficient of thermal conductivity than a material of the base, the at least one insulator being positioned within said recess and disposed between the plurality of temperature control elements and substantially thermally separating the plurality of temperature control elements; and

a base lower portion positioned within said recess and seated to said floor of said recess to substantially fill said recess, wherein the at least one insulator comprises a gas

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chamber configured to receive a gas at a predetermined pressure via a piping system disposed in the base upper portion which couples the gas chamber to an external gas supply.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A thermally zoned substrate holder, comprising:

a base upper portion having top and bottom surfaces , the top surface configured to support a substrate and the bottom surface having a recess and a piping system formed therein;

a plurality of temperature control elements inside the recess, each element having a top surface seated in the recess and a bottom surface forming a floor of said recess;

at least one thermal insulator having a lower coefficient of thermal conductivity than a material of the base, the at least one insulator being positioned within said recess and disposed between the plurality of temperature control elements and substantially thermally separating the plurality of temperature control elements; and a base lower portion positioned within said recess and seated to said floor of said recess to substantially fill said recess, wherein said at least one insulator extends within approximately 1 mm of said top and bottom surface and said at least one insulator comprises a reflective surface.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach a piping system as recited in claims 14 and 18 of the present invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Claims 14 and 18-20 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sylvia R. MacArthur whose telephone number is 571-272-1438. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Parviz Hassanzadeh can be reached on 571-272-1435. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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